

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47), Vice Chair of the House Homeland Security Committee, today issued the following statement regarding the brutal murders of American consulate officials and their families by Mexican drug cartels over the weekend:

“I am seriously concerned by the outbreak of violence against consulate officials and their families in Mexico. Now more than ever, the U.S. needs to address the growing threat against American diplomats in Ciudad Juárez and other violence-stricken border towns. U.S. and Mexican officials must work swiftly, together, to bring these killers to justice and secure our communities on both sides of the border.

“As Vice Chair of the House Homeland Security Committee and a member of the Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism subcommittee, I remain gravely concerned about the violence in Mexico. We must continue to work with our Mexican counterparts to combat the drugs and weapons smuggling fueling this violence before more innocent lives are lost.”

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